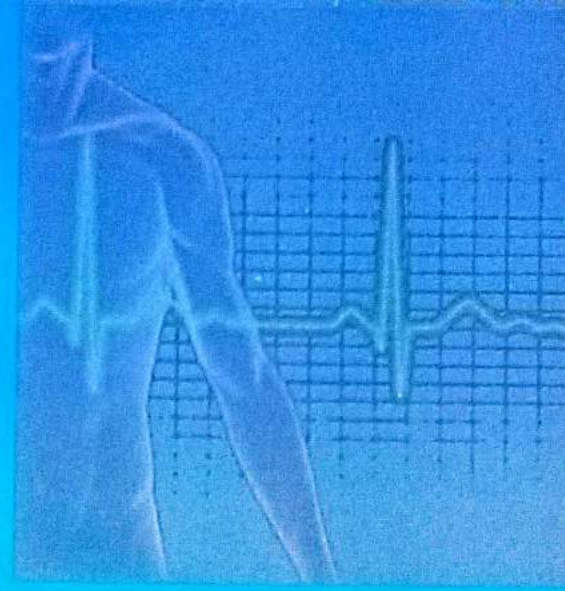




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CONSTITUTION

FOREWORD

From Chairmans' Desk

Dear Members,

We are happy to present the new version of our constitution duly incorporating the amendments as adopted in Special General Body Meeting held on 18th December 2021

Sub Committee of the constitutional amendments led by chairman Capt. Dr. M. Gopichand & other members, Dr. S. M. Sureshwariah, Dr. K.C. Raju Reddy, Dr. Govind Babu. K, & Dr. V. Channaraya have done a splendid job in bringing the new changes.

We thank our Patron Dr. M. Maiya, Special Invitees, Immediate Past Chairman Dr. V.A. Kothiwale & Immediate Past Secretary Dr. M. Narayanaswamy for their support and guidance.

Dr. H. K. Rajashekar
Chairman
API KC

Dr. Vishwanath Krishnamurthy
Hon.Secretary
API KC

Bye Law Committee Musings

During July 2021 The API KC Executive Committee formed the Bye law Committee to redraft the bye law afresh. The committee after elaborate deliberation drafted the bye laws principally following the bye law provisions of API Mumbai head office. Nonetheless the legislative provisions of Karnataka Societies registration act 1960 and income tax act 1961 are also incorporated with suitable modifications. New definitions like patron, special invitees, and advisory committee have been introduced and election procedure along with redressal provisions have been extensively redrafted. Professional protection committee as is there in IMA bye law has been straight away hijacked as a new sub committee to redress any legal, executive and social issue of affected members.

The committee wishes to place on record, with all reverence the support and guidance of Prof. Dr. M. Maiya, Prof. Dr. H. Basavanna Gowdappa, Dr. H.K. Rajashekar and Dr. V. A. Kothiwale who were prime force in both initiation and finalization of the bye law. Finally the committee members deserve a big applause for the remarkable work resulting in placing this copy of byelaw in members hands in record time.

Date : 20.12.2021

Capt. Dr. M. GOPICHAND
Chairman Bye law Committee

Committee Members

1. Dr. Govind Babu.K
2. Dr. V.Channarayana
3. Dr. S.M.Sureswaraiah
4. Dr. K.C.Raju Reddy
5. Dr. M.Narayanaswamy, Immediate Past Secretary API and &
Ex officio member

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Association of Physicians of India

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(Registered Sl.No. 245/75-76/ Dated 10.11.1975 under the
Karnataka Societies Registration Act No. 17- of 1960)

PART - I

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. **Name :** The name of the Association is "The Association of Physicians of India, Karnataka Chapter", APIKC.
2. **Office :** The registered headquarters of the Association shall be situated at Bengaluru at API Bhavana, #16/F, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru-560 052.
3. **Year :** The year of the APIKC for financial purposes shall be from 1st April to 31st March.
4. **Working Hours :** 10.00 am to 5.00pm.

5. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 5.1. To encourage and advance the knowledge, study and practice of the science of medicine in all ways.
- 5.2. To encourage basic and clinical research including experimental work in the science of medicine.
- 5.3. To organize, establish, conduct, supervise and assist institutions for promoting whether directly or indirectly the study of and research in problems relating to the science of medicine.

- 5.4. To hold meetings, conferences involving instituting awards and oration, exhibitions, study circles or gatherings for the study and discussion of problems relating to and allied with the science of medicine and to receive unrestricted grants, donation, gifts from any person including a corporate body to meet such incidental expenses.
- 5.5. To provide instruction, education and financial assistance to deserving Persons in the science of medicine in all suitable ways.
- 5.6. To make pecuniary grants by way of scholarships, donations, subscriptions, allowances, and otherwise to and for the benefit of deserving students, scholars and other persons who are worthy of receiving such grants by reasons of their skill and proficiency in the science of practice of medicine or their service to the cause of promotion of learning, research and practice of the science of medicine.
- 5.7. To award prizes and medals or other certificates or diploma of proficiency In the science of medicine to persons found fit. The scholarship and Fellowship can be awarded to both MD (General medicine) and DNB (General medicine) students of Karnataka Domicile for such training in any institute acceptable to the chapter. Academic wing/credential committee of the association will periodically review the same to make suitable changes.
- 5.8. To make rules, prescribing standards of professional conduct of members of the Chapter.
- 5.9. To establish and maintain libraries and reading rooms, website and physician Club.
- 5.10. To print, publish, distribute or sell books, pamphlets, notices, pictures and periodicals, Association Journal of Internal Medicine (AJIM), newspapers or magazines or any other literature on any matter concerning or relating to the science of practice of medicine or the life and work of eminent persons.

- 5.11. To suggest, study, criticize or otherwise advise on, or take part in, the framing of laws affecting the science of practice of medicine, medical education, health policies and health care activities.
- 5.12. To promote "esprit de corps" among persons studying or practicing the science of medicine and to promote good feelings between them and members of general public or public authorities.
- 5.13. To co-operate and associate with other associations or individuals to promote the objectives of the Chapter.
- 5.14. To construct, provide, regulate and maintain buildings, rooms or other structures for the purpose of the Chapter and to alter, add to or remove any of them.
- 5.15. To receive any gift or legacy of moveable and immoveable assets (including money) either with or without conditions to promote the objects of the Chapter.
- 5.16. To acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, any property, rights, or privileges for the purposes of the Chapter.
- 5.17. To sell, improve, manage, develop, mortgage, lease or let; under lease or sub-let, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Chapter.
- 5.18. To act as trustees, agents or managers of property endowed by any persons for objects of or similar to those of the Chapter.
- 5.19. To draw, make, accept, endorse, execute, negotiate, purchase, lend money upon, discount, hold and dispose of cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, drafts and other instruments and to cancel or vary such instruments.
- 5.20. To lay out, advance, invest, and deal with the Chapters moneys with or to such person and in or upon such investments, securities and generally in such manner as may from time to time be determined.

- 5.21. To engage such officials, servants or other person as may be found necessary or convenient for the conduct and management of the affairs of the Chapter.
- 5.22. To make bye-laws, rules and regulation of the Chapter and to delete, change, or add to the same from time to time.
- 5.23. To do all such other acts as may be necessary, incidental, conductive or convenient to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

PART II : RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

6. DEFINITION AND ABBREVIATIONS

Unless otherwise specified in succeeding paragraphs.

- 6.1. "Association" means the Association of Physicians of India.
- 6.2. "Chapter" means The Association of Physicians of India, Karnataka Chapter (API KC). The Founder Chairman of the chapter was Late Dr.K.S.Shadaksharappa.
- 6.3. "Head quarters" means the head quarter of the Chapter at Bangalore.
- 6.4. "Patron" means founder member of the API.
- 6.5. "Special Invitee" means any life member of API KC as chosen by the Executive Committee in its wisdom and approved by the General Body of the API KC for a tenure of 3 years.
- 6.6. "Office Bearer" means a person holding the office of Chairman, Chairman Elect, Vice Chairmen, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer in the Executive committee.
- 6.7. "Executive committee" means the Executive committee of the Association of Physicians of India, Karnataka chapter.
- 6.8. "Organizing Secretary" means Organizing Secretary of state annual conference of the Chapter.
- 6.9. "Building Committee" means the Building committee of API Karnataka Chapter.

- 6.10. "Credential Committee" means the Credential committee of API, Karnataka chapter.
- 6.11. "Scientific Committee" means the Scientific committee of API Karnataka Chapter.
- 6.12. "Professional Protection Committee" means the professional protection committee of API Karnataka Chapter.
- 6.13. "Journal Committee" means the Journal Committee of API Karnataka Chapter.
- 6.14. "Advisory Committee" means the committee of APIKC consisting of all past chairmens
- 6.15. "Journal" means the APIK Journal of Internal Medicine (AJIM).
- 6.16. "Conference" means Karnataka Association of Physicians of India Conference "KAPICON".
- 6.17. All disputes regarding API Karnataka and their activities shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the court of Law in Bengaluru only.

7. MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1. The membership of the Chapter shall be of four categories, Viz.
 - (a) Life Members.
 - (b) Associate Members.
 - (c) Honorary Members.
 - (d) P.G. student Members.
- 7.2. Benefactors : Any corporate body or an individual donating Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs) or an amount decided by the Executive Committee from time to time can, at the discretion of the Executive committee be enrolled as a Benefactor of the Association, Such amounts received shall be used to meet any of the aims and objectives of the Association. Benefactor Members shall have neither voting rights nor the right to propose or second any person for any post or hold any office of the association. Benefactor certificate shall be issued to such corporate body or an individual donating Rs.5 Lakhs (Rupees Five Lakhs).

- 7.3. Eligibility Criteria for Various Categories of Memberships:
- 7.3.1 **LIFE MEMBER** : Life Members shall be required to possess a Basic post graduate degree such as MD/DNB, in Internal Medicine from any institution or university recognized by the National Medical Council of India or approved by the Executive Committee of the Association. MD General Medicine or Internal Medicine includes specialties such as Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Diabetology, Nephrology, Neurology, Clinical Hematology, Chest & Tuberculosis, Endocrinology, Gerontology, infectious Diseases, Allergy, Immunology, Rheumatology, Medical Oncology and others approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Body. Life membership shall be open to citizens of India only and to Central API Members.

7.3.1.1. Any person qualified to be a Life Member could be enrolled as a Life Member of API through an application as per Annexure 1, after paying one time subscription (as applicable) that is non refundable. The Life membership fee shall form a part of the corpus.

7.3.1.2. Persons otherwise eligible to be admitted as Life Members but who are not citizens of India may be admitted as Life Associate Members only, in the manner provided below.

7.3.2. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** :A person holding a post graduate degree or diploma recognized by the Medical Council of India in any branch of medical science who is not eligible for life membership (as stated in Rule 7.3.1 above) shall be enrolled as a Associate Member , for a period of Five years, through an application as per annexure 1.

After paying subscription (as applicable) that is not refundable. Associate Members shall have no voting rights, not the rights to propose, second any one or contest for any office of the Executive Committee. Persons who are not citizens of India are covered by this clause. Associate Member need not be a Central API Member.

7.3.3. HONORARY MEMBERS: The Executive Committee may admit any person, of Karnataka horizon who in their judgment is a distinguished scientist who has contributed to bio medical sciences as an Honorary Member. The proposal for Honorary Membership should be made by two Life Members of API.

7.3.4. POST GRADUATE STUDENT MEMBER:

7.3.4.1. PG students of General Medicine, and DNB General Medicine and its allied specialties (Medical Degree Act. Clause 2. Act VII) and under training for post graduate degree/ Diplomat of National Board in medicine could be enrolled as post graduate student member of the Chapter (without a right to propose, second or to vote or to hold office).

7.3.4.2. He/she can be member of Association of Physicians of India, Karnataka Chapter, under this category for a maximum period of 3 years or till they obtain their post graduate degree/ Diploma whichever is earlier.

7.4 MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE:

7.4.1. The membership application shall be in the form prescribed by the Executive Committee and shall be duly proposed and seconded by existing valid members. It shall be accompanied by documentary evidence of eligibility, qualification and prescribed (fees of Rs.2000/- (Two thousand Only) in respect of Life Membership and in case of existing PG member applying for Life Membership after completion is Rs.1500/- (One thousand Five Hundred Only) by Cheque/Demand Draft/Cash /Digital Payment payable at Bengaluru including along with two pass port size Photograph, degree certificate and KMC Registration Certificate.

7.4.2. The Executive Committee is the final authority to admit applicants to all categories of membership. The Executive committee shall, also accept the resignation from membership, as also cessation of membership for any reason with or without conditions.

7.5 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

7.5.1 Membership may terminate by resignation. A Member may at any time resign his membership by giving to the Chapter, 30 days notice in writing.

7.5.2. Membership may be terminated by removal of name on the ground of undesirable conduct as under:

7.5.3. If the conduct of a member be deemed by Executive Committee prejudicial to the interest of the Association may ask him to submit a written explanation of his conduct, In the event of the explanation being found unsatisfactory, the member may be asked either to apologies or to resign from the Association. If the member is agreeable, his apology shall be given due consideration. In the event of the Executive Committee concurring by a simple majority should determine the nature of punishment which may be one of the following:

- (a) Censuring.
- (b) Debarring him from being nominated / elected for any office of the Association.
- (c) Suspension from Membership.
- (d) Removal of his name.

7.6. By removal of name on the ground of conviction in a court of Justice: Ipso facto

7.6.1. Upon sentence after conviction in a court of justice for any crime entailing Moral turpitude.

7.6.2. Upon being de-registered by National Medical Council of India and Karnataka Medical Council on the ground of unethical conduct, from the date of de-registration.

7.7. Re - admission:

7.7.1. Any member, who has ceased to be a member under Bye-laws, can be readmitted on fresh application being made by him.

7.7.2. A re-admission fee of Rs. 2,000/- shall be payable by every member applying for re-admission under this Bye-law.

7.8 **REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP:** A Membership register containing the names and addresses, Photos, and telephone/fax/e-mail numbers of members shall be kept at headquarters of APIKC. On receiving information from members, any changes in the status of members including their citizenship or their addresses taking place from time to time, shall be recorded in the register. It is updated and published once in 3 years. Names of new / deleted members are to be published in Association Journal once in a year in its conference issue.

7.9. **PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP:** Subject to the provisions of these rules and bye- laws, all Life and Life Associate Members shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the Association. They shall also receive a free copy of the journal and a Membership Directory. Only Life Members shall have the right to vote. All Life Members shall have the privilege of Orations, awards, lectureships and Other official assignments.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

8.1. The affairs of the association shall be managed by its Executive committee. The Executive committee shall consist of the following office bearers and members.

(a) Chairman	1
(b) Chairman Elect	1
(c) Vice chairmen	3
(d) Patron	Dr.M.Maiya, Founder Member
(e) Special Invitees	
(f) Honorary Secretary	1
(g) Honorary Treasurer	1
(h) Executive Committee Members	10
(i) Building Committee Members	Chairperson and Members
(j) Journal Committee Members	Chairperson & Members

(k) Credential Committee Members	Chairperson & Members
(l) Professional Protection Committee Members	Chairperson & Members
(m) Scientific Committee Members	Chairperson & Members
(n) Co-opted Members	5 (At least 3 from outside Bengaluru)
(o) Immediate Past Chairman	1
(p) Immediate Past Secretary	1
(q) Invited Members:	Present Governing council members / office bearers of API(Central) / ICP / PRF from Karnataka.
(r) Immediate Past and Present	Organizing Secretary of State Conference- KAPICON (Ex-officio).

Note:

1. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be from headquarters.
2. Co-option of members to the Executive Committee will be done during the first Executive Committee meeting after the General Body meeting.

8.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

8.2.1. Eligibility

8.2.1.1. Chairman Elect: To contest for the post of Chairman Elect, the candidate should be a Life Member of API at least 10 years and should have completed at least four years (continuously or intermittently) in any elected position in the Executive committee.

8.2.1.2. Vice Chairmen : To contest for the post of Vice Chairmen, the candidate should be a life member of API for at least 5 years and should have completed at least four years (Continuously or intermediately) in any elected position in the Executive committee.

8.2.1.3. Hon.Secretary and Hon. Treasurer : To Contest for the post of Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer the candidate should have completed two tenures (Continuously or intermediately) as an Executive Committee Member.

8.2.1.4. Executive Committee Member : To contest for the post of Executive Committee Member the candidate should have completed continuous membership of the association for atleast 2 years.

8.2.1.5. All the office bearers and members of the Executive Committee shall be ordinarily residing in Karnataka during the tenure of their office.

8.2.1.6. Persons holding the post of Chairman / Chairman Elect at any time shall not seek election for any position in the Executive Committee in future.

8.2.1.7. A member shall not contest simultaneously for more than one post (i.e., Chairman Elect, Vice Chairmen, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or Elected Member of the Executive Committee.

8.2.1.8. The Chairman shall become Immediate Past Chairman and the Chairman Elect shall automatically become Chairman after the Annual General Body Meeting.

8.2.1.9. Special Invitees are those life members who have substantially contributed for the improvement of API and have served as Chairman of the API atleast once.They are invited to participate in all the funtions and Executive Committee meetings, however they do not carry voting rights.

8.3. TENURE :

8.3.1.The Tenure of Office of Chairman Elect, Chairman and Past Chairman shall be one year.

8.3.2.The Tenure of Office of Vice Chairman shall be of 1 year. The member may contest for 2 terms continuously or intermittently.

8.3.3. The Tenure of Office of Hon. Secretary shall be 2 years. The member may contest for 2 terms continuously or intermittently.

8.3.4. The Tenure of Office of Hon. Treasurer shall be 2 years. The member may contest for 2 terms continuously or intermittently.

8.3.5. The Tenure of EC Members shall be 1 year. The member may contest for 4 terms continuously or intermittently.

8.3.6. The Tenure of Nominated Member of any Subcommittee of the Association shall be 2 terms of 3 years each.

8.3.7. The Tenure of Co-opted Members shall be 1 year.

8.3.8. No Life Member can serve the Executive Committee for more than a total period of 15 years, Excluding the period of tenure as Vice Chairman, Chairman Elect, Chairman, Past Chairman.

8.4. Order of Precedence and Protocol

1. Chairman.
2. Immediate Past Chairman.
3. Chairman Elect.
4. Vice Chairmen as per seniority.
5. Patron.
6. Special Invitees.
7. Hon. Secretary.
8. Hon. Treasurer.
9. Executive Committee Members.
10. Building Committee Members.
11. Editor in Chief AJIM (APIK).
12. Credential Committee Members.
13. Professional Protection Committee Members.

14. Scientific Committee Members.
15. Organizing Secretary KAPICON.
16. Invited Members.
17. Co-opted members.

9. ELECTION PROCEDURE

- 9.1. The elections shall be held for Chairman Elect one Post, Vice Chairman three posts and Executive Committee Members Every year and for Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer election will be held once in two years.
- 9.2. The nomination paper which shall set out the candidate's name and address and the Office for which the candidate is nominated shall be proposed by one valid Life member, seconded by another valid Life member and duly signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to stand for the election and to serve in the Executive Committee if elected, as per the Annexure 2. Any Life Member can propose / second for one candidate only in each category of post for the election are being held. No Life Member can contest for more than one Post.
- 9.3. The nomination paper must be accompanied by a demand draft of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) favoring "Association of Physicians of India" payable at Bengaluru. which is not refundable. A nomination paper not accompanied by a demand draft of Rs. 500/- shall be deemed invalid.
- 9.4. Each candidate shall declare in the specifically provided column in the nomination form, the period of his/her having served the Executive Committee.
- 9.5. The election process shall be conducted under the supervision of the Chief Electoral Officer Chairman Elect who shall be solely responsible for initiating and conducting the elections as per API Rules and Regulations in force. No other official of the API shall have any role to play once the

election process with inviting nominations for various posts is set in motion. In case the Chief Electoral Officer needs any clarification(s) and guidance, he shall seek the guidance from the Chairman, and if still need be from the Executive Committee and he shall be answerable to the Executive Committee on this account.

9.6 Calendar of Events

Announcement of Elections	Before 28 th February
Last date to receive nominations at API Office	Before 20 th March 5.00pm
Scrutiny of nomination paper at API Office	21 st March 5.00 pm
Last date for withdrawal of nominations	27 th Mar 5.00pm
Announcement of Final list of candidates	28th March
Ballot papers will be sent to all members	15 th April
Return of Ballot papers to API Bhavana Ballot papers received "By Hand" will not be accepted	15 th May 5.00 pm
Counting of Ballots and Declaration	Next working day of results
Assuming the Charge	During GB Meeting

9.7. The Honorary Secretary shall inform the contesting candidates of all the nominations received for the post they are contesting by Speed Post / Registered Post and e-mail wherever available. If a candidate wishes to withdraw his/her nomination, he/she should inform the Honorary Secretary in writing, before the last date of withdrawal. The contestants shall be provided opportunity to participate in the scrutiny of nominations if they desire so and any objection of the candidates shall be decided by the Chief Electoral Officer on the spot.

- 9.8. In case of a contest for any post the Honorary Secretary shall send Ballot Paper to the members for voting by Registered Post by Indian Post or by Courier only. The Ballot Paper shall have an API Election Hologram affixed on it. The ballot papers should bear the signatures of the Honorary Secretary and Chief Electoral Officer.
- 9.9. The Members should return the Ballot Paper after casting their vote to the Office by India Post or by Courier only and the Ballot Paper should be posted by the voter himself / herself from the city of his/her residence or nearby area. Ballot Papers received "By Hand" will not be accepted.
- 9.10. If the deadline for any of these procedures falls on a Sunday or General holiday, the next working day shall be deemed to be the deadline.
- 9.11. The ballot papers shall be opened and counted by the Chief Electoral Officer in the presence of the contestants / their authorized representatives who are members of API and whose signature shall be obtained on the Election Committee Report. Before counting the Election Committee shall record the details of ballot papers printed, posted, received, undelivered from the post office and returned by the voters. The committee on the spot shall immediately decide objections or complaints if any from the candidates or their authorized representatives. The results shall be placed before the Executive Committee for intimation and the results shall be declared at the general Body meeting.
- 9.12. Any Executive Committee member who ceases to be a valid member for any reason shall be deemed to have vacated his office in the Executive Committee.
- 9.13. All vacancies in the Executive Committee except that of Chairman Elect/ Chairman whether occurring as a result of uncontested position or otherwise shall be filled by the Executive Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall issue an urgent short notice in the inviting nominations and providing time for withdrawals. The valid nominations shall then be placed before the Executive Committee in the immediate succeeding meeting for electing the incumbents.

- 9.14. In the event of vacancy arising for the office of Chairman Elect, a fresh election by postal ballot shall be held. The Honorary Secretary shall issue a notice inviting nominations providing one month for the nomination, 15 days from the last date of nomination for withdrawal and not less than 1 month for balloting and return of ballots. The counting of votes and declaration of result shall be done by a committee of the Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and presided over by the Chairman. For a vacancy occurring in the office of Chairman, no fresh elections shall be held and the senior most Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman. For any other unforeseen eventuality, the Executive Committee shall take an appropriate decision.

Note : The Ballot Paper with Serial No. written on its back shall be sent to the member along with Envelope bearing same Serial No. with his Name and Address along with provision for putting his signature by the member at the time of sending his Ballot Paper of API Office after he/she has cast his/her vote.

10. ELECTION DISPUTES

- 10.1. An Election Redressal Committee comprising of the Chairman, two immediate Past Chairman and Chief Electoral Officer would review the evidence provided by the complainant and would give its ruling within 15 days.
- 10.2. In the first instance, any complaint pertaining to any process of election, if any, except counting of ballots must be lodged with the Chief Electoral Officer along with documentary proof of any irregularity before the start of the counting procedure. No complaint other than that of the counting procedure shall be entertained once the counting procedure has started. Complaints pertaining to the counting procedure or counting irregularities, if any, must be lodged in writing by the contestant or his representative with the Chief Electoral Officer during the counting procedure or immediately after the counting has been completed or within fifteen days after the completion of counting.

- 10.3. If the complainant remains unsatisfied with the decision of the Election Redressal Committee, he/she may ask for hearing by the Panel of Arbitrators.
- 10.4. The Panel of Arbitrators shall comprise of
 - (a) Chairman.
 - (b) Retired High Court /district Judge / Eminent Jurist.
 - (c) Immediate Past Chairman.
- 10.5. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Indian Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- 10.6. The seat of Arbitration shall be at the Head Quarters of the Association at Bangalore.
- 10.7. The decision of the panel of Arbitrators shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 10.8. The Arbitrator shall give an opportunity to both the parties to file their representation and if any party desires to be heard in person, the Arbitrator shall arrange the same and at the said hearing the other party shall be allowed to be present if it so desires. The Arbitrator shall allow either party to put question to the other party to elicit the information provided the Arbitrator allows and provided that the question is in connection with the dispute before the arbitration. The Arbitrator shall give his award in writing and same shall be binding on all parties concerned.
- 10.9. The Executive Committee of the Association shall determine the fees payable to the non API arbitrators.
- 10.10. The fees payable to the Arbitrators shall be borne in equal proportion by the contesting persons.
- 10.11. Records of the Election should be maintained for one year.
- 10.12. Election disputes if any will fall under the jurisdiction of court in Bengaluru.
- 10.13. Administrative assistance shall be provided by API Headquarters

- 10.14. The Honorary Secretary of API will act as the Secretary of the Election Redressal Committee.
- 10.15. All notices required to be sent under the Rules or Bye-laws regarding election dispute and / or Arbitration shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given by addressing at the last available address in the records of the Association and sending it by registered post acknowledgement due. The service shall be complete whether the registered cover is received back with the endorsement "refused" not found, left without address or with any other endorsement. It shall be the duty of the party to furnish the address in writing if notice is desired to be sent at an address different from that with the Association.

11. MEETING

11.1. **GENERAL BODY :** The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee, General Body and Orations. If the chairman is not present one of the Vice Chairmen in order of seniority or in their absence, one of the life members present at the meeting shall be elected by members, as chairman of the meeting.

11.2. ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING :

11.2.1. The Annual General Body meeting of the Chapter shall be held within 9 months after the expiry each year on a day, time and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee. The notice and agenda for the Annual General Body meeting shall be posted at least 21 days in advance of the date fixed. Last executive committee should meet one month prior to annual conference.

11.2.2. The Executive Committee shall submit an Annual Report of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and report of its sub-committees, if any and of the activities of the chapter for the year together with an audited copy of balance sheet, income and expenditure account of the

chapter and an abstract of receipt and disbursements during the year, and the report of the Auditors if any, for approval.

11.2.3. The Chairman may whenever he thinks fit, and shall upon a requisition made in writing and signed by not less than 50 Life members of the chapter, convene a Special General Body meeting at such place as he/ she may decide. Any requisition made by the members shall state the objects of the Special meeting proposed to be called.

11.2.4. The Hon. Secretary shall, upon receipt of such a requisition proceed to convene under orders of the Chairman a Special General Body meeting which shall be held within 30 days from the date of receipt of such requisition, at a place and time fixed by the Chairman. At such special General Body meeting, only the business of which notice has been given or such questions as naturally arise thereon shall be discussed.

11.2.5. Any member desiring to move a resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice of the same in writing to the Secretary at least 10 days before the date fixed for the General Body meeting.

11.2.6. Fifty members present at a General Body meeting shall be the quorum for that meeting.

11.2.7. If within 10 minutes from the time appointed for a General Body meeting there is no quorum, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members shall be dissolved, and in any other case, shall stand adjourned, for 10 minutes and will meet on the same day and at the same place.

11.2.8. The person presiding at the General Body meeting may adjourn the same from time to time and from place to place; but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

11.2.9. No quorum shall be necessary for any adjourned General Body meeting.

11.2.10. Subject to the law for the time being in force, the resolutions passed in a General Body meeting shall be given immediate effect to, by the officers of the chapter unless stated otherwise.

11.3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING :

11.3.1. The Executive Committee meeting shall meet at such times as may be necessary for the transaction of business of the Chapter (not later than once in three months).

11.3.2. A meeting of the Executive Committee is convened by the Hon. Secretary with the consent of the Chairman.

11.3.3. The Hon. Secretary shall convene a special meeting of the Executive Committee upon a requisition in writing signed by not less than 7 members of the Executive Committee thereof. At least one week previous notice shall be given to the members of the Executive Committee for an ordinary meeting of the Ex. Committee. An urgent meeting may be called at a shorter notice.

11.3.4. Seven members of the Ex. Committee shall be the quorum for meeting of the Executive Committee. If there is no quorum within 15 minutes after the appointed time, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned for 10 minutes and meet in the same place and on the same day. For such an adjourned meeting a quorum will not be necessary and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

11.3.5. If the Chairman or the Executive Committee so directs any business of the Executive Committee may be transacted by circulation instead of at a meeting.

11.3.6. If any Executive Committee member does not attend at least 2 Executive Committee meetings in a year, he shall not be eligible to contest election for the next 2 years.

11.3.7. Any suggestion submitted to a meeting of the Executive committee or of the General body shall be decided according to the majority of the votes cast by the members present and voting at such meeting. In case of equality of votes the person presiding shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his vote as a member. Any notice required by these rules may be given by sending by ordinary post a prepaid letter to the address mentioned in the register of members and the same shall be deemed to have been received by the addresses on the date on which it would have reached him in the ordinary course of post.

12 MANAGEMENT

- 12.1. The Management of the Chapter shall be vested in the Executive Committee, who in addition to the powers by these Rules expressly conferred upon them may exercise all such owners, and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Chapter and are not hereby or by law expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Chapter in General Body meeting.
- 12.2. Without prejudice to the General powers hereby conferred, the Executive Committee shall have the following powers, that is to say power,
- 12.3. To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise for the Chapter any property, rights, or privileges which the Chapter is authorized to acquire at such price and generally on such terms and conditions as they may think fit.
- 12.4. To enter into all such negotiations and contracts and rescind and vary all such contracts and execute and do all such acts as they may consider expedient for or in relation to any of the properties, rights and privileges for the purposes of Chapter.

- 12.5. To borrow or secure the payment of any sum or sums of money for the purposes of the chapter.
- 12.6. To institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Chapter or otherwise concerning the affairs of the chapter and to compound and allow time for payment or satisfaction of any debts due and of any claims or demands by or against the chapter.
- 12.7. To refer claims or demands by or against the chapter to arbitration and to observe and perform the awards.
- 12.8. To make and give receipts, releases and other discharges for money and all and any other materials, articles and things due to or intended for the chapter.
- 12.9. To receive donations and any other sums of money and all and any other material, articles and things due to or intended for the Association.
- 12.10. To incur all necessary expenses for the maintenance's and carrying out of the objects and intentions of these rules and memorandum of the chapter.
- 12.11. To appoint and at their discretion remove or suspend such managers clerks, agents and servants for permanent, temporary or special services as they may from time to time think fit, and to determine their powers and duties and fix their salaries or emoluments and to require, security in such instances and to such amount as they may think fit.
- 12.12. To appoint committees and to delegate, subject to such condition as they may impose, any of their powers to such committees or such member or members of their body as they may think fit and to revoke from time to time such delegation. The tenure of such subcommittee shall be not more than 3 years. However it may be further extended if the Executive Committee finds it necessary.
- 12.13. To nominate a chairperson and a convener from among the members of such a committee. The chairperson will

preside at such committee meeting and convener shall be responsible for convening, keeping, accurate minutes for forwarding the reports of these committees to the Executive Committee. The chairman, Chairman Elect, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer will be Ex-officio members of these committees.

- 12.14. To make, vary and repeal bye-laws for the regulation of the business of the Chapter, its officers, managers, clerks, agents and servants.
- 12.15. In order to save trees and to minimise the use of paper, all correspondence from API KC, to take place through electronic mail. The other social media platforms like whatsapp, twitter and instagram may also be used to communicate the members.
- 12.16. Compliance to the Karnataka Society Registration Act, 1960
 - 12.16.1. API KC shall file list of names, addresses and occupation of the Executive Committee Members, copy of the audited balance sheet and Income and Expenditure account as per section - 13, along with prescribed fee to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies within 14 days of Annual General Body Meeting.
- 12.17. Income Tax Act 1961
 - 12.17.1. API KC shall apply for exemption for income tax under section 12A(a) and exemption or deduction under section 80G to the donor, before the prescribed authorities under income tax act 1961.
 - 12.17.2. API KC shall file income tax returns every year within the prescribed time limit under the Income tax act 1961.

13 API AWARDS

- 13.1. API shall award its Life members, associated with API activities for the services rendered by the executive committee. The awards may be instituted including any cash amount as the executive committee decides as under.

- 13.2. Physician Day Award: API shall give the Awards on the occasion of Physician Day on 23rd December every year for a maximum of 5 distinguished physicians.

14. API Emblem:

- 14.1. API emblem may be used by all API members in their prescription pad and place of practice. This emblem will help in differentiating modern system of medicine from other systems.

15. FUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 15.1. Income: The Income of the Association shall be derived from the following sources:

15.1.1. Subscription of the Life Members. This amount shall merge with the corpus fund.

15.1.2. Headquarters Fund Contribution from the Branches and from KAPICON Conference.

15.1.3. Special Contribution or donations raised directly.

15.1.4. Income derived from the Journal and other publications of the Association as per Bye-laws if any.

15.1.5. Bequests received by legacies from persons who desire to benefit the Association.

15.1.6. Interest on deposits.

15.1.7. Such other sources as may be authorized by the Executive committee.

15.2. Expenditure:

The Executive Committee shall, out of the funds of the Association, shall pay rents, salaries, wages and such other charges as may be necessary for carrying on the work of the Association. It shall further provide for the issue of the Journal and such other publications as may be authorized and shall be empowered to spend money on scientific investigations, conferences, prizes, scholarships and for such other purposes as it may consider advisable in furtherance of the objects of the Association.

16. PROPERTY, MONEY AND ACCOUNTS

- 16.1. The property, moveable or immovable, belonging to the Chapter shall vest in the Executive committee.
- 16.2. No sale, exchange, mortgage lease or other transfer of immovable property belonging to the committee shall be valid unless at least the chairman or any **one** of the Vice-Chairmen and the Hon.Secretary shall execute the document of transfer.
- 16.3. All moneys of the chapter shall be deposited and / or invested.
 - 17.3.1. In Nationalised Bank.
 - 17.3.2. In Government and other negotiable trustee securities or in any other mode permitted under the Act or in accordance with the administrative orders of Government from time to time.
- 16.4. All accounts and other investments in the name of the chapter shall be operated by Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer and each document being signed by both of them.
- 16.5. **Investment Clause:** The funds of the chapter shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of Income Tax Act 1961 as amended from time to time.
- 16.6. **Accounts Clause:** There shall be maintenance of all accounts of the chapter regularly. The accounts shall be duly audited by the Chartered Accountant. Every year, the accounts shall be closed by 31st March.
- 16.7. **Dissolution Clause:** In the event of dissolution or winding up of the chapter, the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the Members of the Executive Committee / Executive Committee, but the same shall be transferred to another charitable Trust / Society whose objects are similar to those of this chapter and which enjoys recognition under section 80G of the Income Tax 1961 as amended from time to time.

17.7.1 The Society formed shall be irrevocable.

16.8. **Beneficiary Clause:** The benefits of the Society shall be open to all irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

16.9. **Utilization Clause:** The funds and the income of the association shall be solely utilized for the achievement of the objects of the association and no payment shall be made to the members by way of profit, interest / dividends.

17. Duties of Office Bearers:

17.1. CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman shall preside over the General Body, Executive Committee, Sub Committee meetings and all other official meetings & functions of the Association. The Chairman shall guide the activities of the Association and its aims & objectives. The Chairman may allocate all or any of the powers and duties under this or any other clause of the constitution to any other office bearer as he/she may deem fit and necessary for the discharge of his duties.

17.2. VICE CHAIRMEN

The Senior most Vice Chairmen will preside over the meetings in the absence of the Chairman. The Vice Chairmen will act according to the duties assigned by the Chairman and actively help the Chairman to further the aims and objects of the Association in general. The Seniority of Vice Chairmen shall be decided by following the criteria in the descending order as under

- (a) Number of Votes secured if elections have been held.
- (b) Age.

17.3. CHAIRMAN ELECT

The Chairman Elect shall be an ex officio member of all committees appointed by the Executive Committee. The Chairman Elect shall chair the Scientific programme of the Annual API KC Conference. The Chairman Elect shall be the Chief Electoral Officer.

17.4. HONORARY SECRETARY :

Subject to the control and regulation of the Executive Committee, the Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out the directions and decisions of the Executive Committee. In particular, the Honorary Secretary Shall Convene Meetings of the Executive Committee Whenever necessary or called upon to do so.

17.4.1. Have Administrative control over all the affairs of the Association.

17.4.2. Keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee.

17.4.3. Prepare the Annual Report of the Association.

17.4.4. Be in Charge of the furniture, library and all documents and other assets of the Association.

17.4.5. Collect all dues of the Association and deposit such amounts into the bank account of the Association, and inform the Honorary Treasurer at least once a month of the moneys so received and deposited.

17.4.6. Make disbursements and maintain vouchers, provided that any expenditure exceeding Rs.10000/- (Rs Ten thousand Only) in a month shall be made after obtaining the sanction of the Executive Committee.

17.4.7. Perform such duties as are incidental to his/her office.

17.4.8. All notice, communications, letters, memoranda and other papers whether they are acts of the Executive Committee or of the General Body shall be signed or authenticated by the Honorary Secretary and when so signed or authenticated shall be conclusive.

17.4.9. Any notice required by these Rules may be sent by ordinary post, A prepaid letter to the person concerned on the address mentioned in the register of members and the same shall be deemed to have been received by him on the date on which it would have reached him in the ordinary course.

- 17.5. **Honorary Treasurer** : The Treasurer shall maintain true accounts of the funds and other assets of the Association and of funds and other assets connected with or in any way controlled by the Association.

18. AUDITOR:

Appointment of Auditor

Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Body Meeting of the API every year For auditing the accounts of the Association and its journal and other Publications, who shall be registered Chartered Accountants and whose duties shall be as follows:

- 18.1. Shall audit the accounts at the end of the year or oftener if so desired by the Executive Committee and shall certify to their correctness.
- 18.2. Shall give suggestions for the proper keeping of accounts as required.
- 18.3. Prepare Annual Accounts, Income & Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet.
- 18.4. Auditors shall be appointed for one year at a time and may be re-appointed for another one year only when another registered Chartered Accountant shall be appointed.

19. Formation of Sub Committee

The Executive Committee shall form sub committees like Building Committee, Credential Committee, Scientific Committee, Journal Committee, Professional Protection Committee during the first Executive Committee Meeting after Annual General Body Meeting, which shall function independently. The Chairman, the chairman elect, Hon.Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be ex officio members of all such sub committees. The Sub committees are free to conduct proceedings as decided by the committee members. The Subcommittee shall have a chairman nominated by executive committee for tenure of 3 years The

Subcommittee members consisting of 3 life members shall be chosen by the executive committee for tenure of 3 years. The Chairman of the sub committees may take two additional members among the life members and one among the two additional members would retire after 1 year. All Sub committees would submit their report in the EC meeting, preceding the AGM.

19.1. BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dr. Mahabaleshwar Maiya being patron and founder member of APIKC continues to guide the Building committee. The Building Committee shall be responsible for accounts, statutory compliance, maintenance and improvement of API Building and the chairman and Hon. Secretary cum treasurer shall be the signatories for all transaction.

19.2. CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Credential committee will scrutinize the Award papers and recommend the three names of orators to the Executive committee for each oration in the order of merit. The members of the Credential committee shall not apply or propose any names for Oration. The Executive committee is empowered to choose among those recommended and shall approve the names for oration. The EC shall approve and notify the selected candidates before 3 months of conference.

19.3. JOURNAL COMMITTEE

19.3.1. The Chapter shall publish journal called APIK Journal of Internal Medicine (AJIM), books, pamphlets or any other publications under the general directions of the Executive Committee. The journal shall be published under the direction of a journal Committee which shall function as Editorial Board.

19.3.2 The Journal Committee Chairman shall be Editor in Chief of Journal.

19.3.3 The Editor in Chief post shall be filled by inviting nominations from amongst the members of the Chapter, by the Executive committee.

19.4. PROFESSIONAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

API shall have an API Professional Protection committee with an aim to : (1) Protect the members and help them in case of harassment, "Litigation etc. which may arise during the process of their professional practice, (2) provide legal aid to the members of the API. (3) To Undertake any legal issue concerned with medical practice as well as medical education in Karnataka.

20. BRANCHES

The chapter authorizes a group of members of the chapter in a particular city or town and not more than one branch in a city / town to form branch of the chapter in conformity with the aims and objects of the Chapter as enunciated in the memorandum, provided there is no financial liability on the parent body. A minimum of 10 members is required to form a branch. The activities of the branches must be limited to their respective territories and they shall not organize any scientific meeting at the state level without concurrence of the chapter. The Organizing Committee that arranges state level conference shall remit a minimum of 10% of registration fee/delegate fee collected to the state chapter or as revised by General body meeting from time to time, within six months from the time of conference. The state in the zones, as defined in the constitution of the Association (Central) can hold zonal Academic meetings and these will be recognized as zonal meetings.

21. INVESTMENT CLAUSE

The funds of the Association shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of Sec.13(1)(d) rws.11(5) of the I.T Act,1961, as amended from time to time.

22. ACCOUNTS CLAUSE

The accounts of the association shall be maintained regularly. The accounts shall be duly audited by a qualified chartered accountant every year, the accounts shall be closed 31st march.

23. AMENDMANT CLAUSE

No amendments to the memorandum of Association / Bye Laws /Rules & regulations shall be made which may prove to be repugnant to the provision of sections 2 (15,11,12 &13 & 80G of the I T Act.1961) amended from time to time.

24. DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Association the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the members of the Managing Committee / Government Body but the same shall be transferred to another charitable trust/society whose objects are similar to those of this trust/society and which enjoys recognition u/s 80G of the I.T Act 1961.

25. BENEFICIARY CLAUSE

The benefits of the association shall be open to all irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

26. UTILISATION CLAUSE

The funds and the income of the trust / society shall be solely utilized for achievement of the objects of the Trust / Society and no payment shall be made to the trustee / members by way of profit, interest/dividends etc

27. CONFERENCE

- 27.1. An annual scientific conference shall be held every year by the Chapter. The final scientific program shall be finalized by the Executive Committee.
- 27.2. The conference shall be held annually at different major cities in Karnataka which have the basic amenities and infrastructures available to host the conference. The venue of the conference should be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by General body.
- 27.3. The boarding and lodging costs of the Chairman, Chairman elect, Hon. Secretary, Hon.Treasure, Editor of Journal of the API Karnataka chapter including orators and Senior

Physicians who are going to be honored, shall be borne by organizers of the annual conference, for all the days of the conference. The travelling costs of the above individuals will be borne by API Karnataka Chapter.

27.4. The guidelines formulated by API Karnataka chapter for purpose of conductance of the annual conference are binding on the organizers of the conference.

27.5. **ORATIONS :**

Criteria for selection of orators and the schedule for orations during the conference.

27.5.1. Each oration will be of 25 minutes.

27.5.2. All orators should have done original work, and be a Life Member of API Karnataka Chapter.

27.5.3. Preference to be given to members who have not delivered Oration earlier.

27.5.4. Aspiring Member can apply for only two Orations at a time.

27.5.5. Members who propose a name should not apply for the same Oration.

27.5.6. If no applications are received, the Credential Committee must be free to invite outstanding members of the association.

27.5.7. The Credential Committee has the right to decline the application depending on the merits and demerits of the applicant.

27.5.8. Names of the orators are to be informed three months in advance to the organizing committee.

27.6. **CME and Inauguration of Conference**

(i) Dr. Shashidhar Malak Reddy – MERT Oration. This oration is offered to all scientist in the state including the life members of API KC who are below 45 years

- (ii) Dr.V.G. Nadagouda – API Honor Lecture.

The Inauguration of the Conference takes place in the evening during which APIKC Chairman will address the conference.

27.7. Next Day of conference - Scientific Session

- (i) APICON 85 Guest Lecture.
- (ii) Dr. K.S. Shadaksharappa Oration.

27.8. Last Day of conference

- (i) Dr.T.B. Basavarajendra – Memorial Oration.
- (ii) Dr. M. Maiya Oration.
- (iii) Scientific Session - (Continued)

28 AWARD SESSION

- 28.1. This session is to be held in the main hall.
- 28.2. Papers from Karnataka members only.
- 28.3. The presenter should be less than 45 years and/or a co – investigator.
- 28.4. Selection of judges– By Credential committee.
- 28.5. Presenter should be registered for the conference (need not be member of API, e.g., PG Students). The presenter should be only MD/DNB (Medicine) student or Completed. No DM students or persons with higher qualification should be allowed to present.
- 28.6. Dr. V. Parameshvara API Best Paper Award. This award will be given to the best paper in the Award Session as selected by the judges.
- 28.7. Dr. V.G. Nadagouda Best Paper in Cardiology. This award will be given to the Best Free Paper in Cardiology Session as selected by the judges.

28.8. Dr. N.C.Talwalkar best paper in Nephrology. This award will be given to the best free paper in Nephrology as selected by the judges.

28.9. Dr.Ram Manohar best paper in Pulmonology. This award will be given to the best Free paper in Pulmonology as selected by the judges.

Note: From the year 2021-2022, orations / award papers endowment fund of Rs.5,00,000/- (Five Lakhs) shall be collected from the proposers of orations/award papers. The endowment funds so collected shall lapse automatically on expiry of 5 years from the date of initiation of such oration / award.

29. DATE AND TIMINGS

29.1. Conference shall be held annually preferably in 2nd week of June (with due consideration of local weather). Inauguration of conference shall be in the evening of CME day.

29.2. Conference shall be for one and half day's duration and CME for one day prior to the conference.

29.3. CME timings shall be from 9 am to 5pm. CME is to be planned and executed by the local committee and the Head quarters to be informed. The rest of the conference is to be planned in consultation with the Executive Committees at Head quarters.

29.4. Chairman, Chairman Elect, Secretary and treasurer of the Chapter along with editor in Chief of the journal are exempted from Registration fees. Further senior API Members who are above 75 years are also exempted from registration fees.

29.5. The Chairman.Chairman Elect and Hon. Secretary of the state Chapter should visit the conference venue at least one month in advance; conference committee to take care of local hospitality and to arrange a meeting to discuss the conference.

29.6. The Executive Committee may select a maximum of two from among the life members to be honored during the Annual conference for their distinguished service to the Chapter and medical science. Organizing committee of the conference can suggest one distinguished API member to the EC to be honored during inaugural function in addition to the 2 people approved by EC. Honoring of Senior Physician for life time achievement will be done by Chairman API, Karnataka Chapter only. Local committee can honor if any, and they should be honored during the valedictory function.

29.7. Seating arrangements during inaugural function.

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Hon. Treasurer APIKC	Past. Chairman APIKC	Chairman Elect . APIKC	Hon. Secretary APIKC	Chairman APIKC	Chief Guest	Org. Chairman	Org. Secretary		

30. HANDING OVER CHARGE

Handing over of charge to the new office bearers will be at the General body meeting.

31. AMENDMENT AND REPEAL

Amendment and Repeal

31.1. Subject to the law in force at the time, the General Body shall have the power to add, vary or repeal any of the provisions contained in the rule. Such additions, variation so repeals can be affected by means of a resolution of which due notice has been given and which has been associated assented to by the vote of at least two thirds of the majority of the members present at the Annual General Body Meeting.

31.2. The Annual General Body Meeting shall take up the proposal for amendment (additions, variations or repeal) once **every three years**. The notice of such amendment shall be given by the member to the Honorary Secretary before AGM. These proposals shall be discussed by the Executive Committee.

- 31.3. The proposal submitted by the members shall conform to the format and lay out of the constitution in the following manner: The member/ Members may append a note explaining the reason/necessity/justification of their proposal. Proposal not conforming to the format shall be returned by the Honorary Secretary for resubmission in the prescribed format.

RuleNo.	Existing	Proposed Amendment	Revised rule after Incorporating amendment.
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- 31.4. This amended constitution super seeds all the previous constitution of the chapter
- 31.5. API Karnataka Chapter shall file copy of Amended Bye laws of the Association to the registrar of Co-operative societies along with the prescribed fees within 14days of the Annual General Body Meeting.

NOTE :



